

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Flood

Letter No. D. 1-24-25, dated the 21st-22nd August 1924, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, requesting sanction to the Mysore Deputy Commissioner's recommendation to authorise the Treasuries in all taluk and district headquarters to receive and credit subscriptions to the District Flood Relief Committee Funds in view to afford facilities to the Honorary workers who have been collecting funds for relief of distress caused by floods.

ORDER No. R. 1819-26—R. M. 3-24-85, DATED 4TH SEPTEMBER 1924.
Sanctioned. The subscriptions may be received at all Treasuries and may be transferred at par to places to which they have to be remitted.

K. V. ANANTARAMAN,
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Rate of interest on arrears of Insurance Premium.

Letter No. 1559, dated 30th July 1924, from the Insurance Secretary, forwarding for sanction the following Resolution of the Insurance Committee passed at their meeting held on the 19th July 1924, regarding the enhancement of the rate of interest leviable on all arrears of premium; and proposing that the increased rate be brought into force from 1st August 1924, including all arrears of premium remaining unpaid on that date:

RESOLUTION:
"Resolved that enhanced rate of interest at 6 1/2 per cent. per annum be levied on all arrears of premium."

ORDER No. FL. 1324-6—G. F. 36-24-6, DATED 1ST SEPTEMBER 1924.
The Resolution of the Committee is sanctioned. The enhanced rate of 6 1/2 per cent. will be brought into force from 1st October 1924, and will apply to the arrears of premium remaining unpaid on that date, both in the Official and their Public Branches.

2. The Insurance rules will be amended accordingly.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Curricula of Panchama Boarding Schools

Correspondence ending with letter No. H. C. 9508-22-23, dated 16th April 1924, from the Inspector-General of Education regarding the revision of curricula of Panchama Boarding Schools.

ORDER No. E. 1056-8—EDN. 374-22-6, DATED 4TH SEPTEMBER 1924.

The Central Panchama Institute at Mysore and the Panchama Boarding Institution at Tumkur, provide for the teaching of certain industrial subjects such as Leather stitching, Carpentry, Smithy, Weaving, Rattan work and Tailoring, in addition to general education and arrangements have been made for industrial training in the local Industrial School for the pupils of the Chikmagalur Institution. The question whether a combination of the Industrial and general subjects was desirable in the case of the pupils of these institutions was discussed at the Educational Conference in 1922, when it was pointed out that as a result of such combination, the pupils of the Panchama community were placed at a disadvantage so far as their General Education was concerned, since they were expected to turn out more work than the pupils in ordinary schools. The Inspector-General of Education who was requested to submit

a special report regarding the revision of the curricula of the Panchama Institutes with reference to the discussions at the Conference has, in consultation with the Managing Committees of the three Boarding Institutions referred to above and certain Departmental officers, reported that such a combination of Industrial and General Education especially in the Boarding Institutions meant for the Panchama Community with a long tradition of Industrial and Agricultural pursuits behind it, is very desirable. Keeping in view, however, that such a combination should not act as a disadvantage to the pupils of these Boarding Institutions or necessitate the extension of the course for Middle School Education, the Inspector-General has submitted the following proposals:—

(1) That the curricula for General Middle Schools approved in Government Orders No. 873-5—Edn. 121-21-71 and No. 5252-3—Edn. 200-22-7, dated 2nd August 1922 and 27th February 1923, respectively may be adopted in these Institutions also.

(2) That every pupil in these Institutions may be made to undergo a course in some industry or other for two hours every day, the working hours being somewhat as follows subject to slight variations according to the needs of individual Institutions:—

Industrial subjects 2 hours a day between 7 and 11 A. M.

General subjects 4½ hours a day between 12 noon and 5 P.M. with a half hour interval.

(3) That the Boarding Institutions may be confined to Middle School and Higher Education.

(4) That pupils in these Institutions may be permitted to offer an industrial subject as an optional for the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination as this will save them four periods a week from the general course which will make up for half an hour a day lost by them.

The Inspector-General has also reported that the above proposals do not involve any additional cost so far as industrial education is concerned but that as regards general education, it may be necessary to strengthen the staff of the Chikmagalur institute in view of the separation of the Primary classes from the Middle School classes. He has however, stated that he would meet this need by a reallocation of the staff of the three institutions and added that should there be any extra cost even after such allocation, the same will be met from the provision made under additional requirements.

2. On a careful consideration of the special features of the Education of the Panchama Community, Government are of opinion that the scheme proposed by the Inspector-General of Education is suitable and are accordingly pleased to sanction the same.

3. The proposals to minimise wastage of materials in the Industrial Section of the 1st and 2nd year classes of the Middle School by providing for the completion of the work done by the students of these classes by the more advanced pupils of the III and IV year classes so as to render the articles saleable, are also approved. Suitable instructions may be issued to the different institutions in the matter.

K. MATTHAN,

Chief Secretary to Government.